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SUBJECT: US-EGYPTIAN PRIVATE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

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1. DR. DEWIDAR CALLED IN POLCOUNS JANUARY 12 TO DISCUSS DEADLOCK IN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. DEWIDAR SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY SHAFEI JUST PRIOR TO MINISTER'S DEPARTURE FOR AUSTRIA JANUARY 12. DEWIDAR DESIRES TO HAVE REMAINING PROBLEMS RESOLVED FOR PRESENTATION TO MINISTER UPON HIS RETURN JANUARY 17. PHRASE IN DOCUMENT 5 APPEARS TO BE ONLY REMAINING STUMBLING BLOCK.

2. DEWIDAR SAID MFA HAD NOW AGREED ORALLY THAT PHRASE "ALL DEBTS OWNED THE USG" COULD BE LEFT IN DOCUMENT 5. MINISTER OF ECONOMY HAD REQUESTED CONFIRMATION IN WRITING ON THIS POINT. HOWEVER, MFA STILL OBJECTS TO PHRASE IN PARA 1, "REMAIN OUTSTANDING AND" AND FINAL SENTENCE OF PARA 2, "THEREFORE, THE AFOREMENTIONED CLAIMS REMAIN OUTSTANDING AND HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE REFERENCED AGREEMENT" (PARA 2 REFTEL). IF DEPT AGREES TO MAKE THESE TWO DELETIONS, DEWIDAR BELIEVES AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED FORTHWITH WITH SHAFEI SIGNING DOCUMENTS 1 THROUGH 4 AND THE MFA SIGNING DOCUMENT 5, WHICH SHAFEI CONTINUES
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TO REGARD AS POLITICAL. DR. DEWIDAR PROFESSED TO HAVE

NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHY CLAIMS AGREEMENT HAD BECOME IN
SHAFEI'S MIND A HIGHLY POLITICAL MATTER, BUT FROM GOE
POINT OF VIEW HE SAW NO PROBLEM WITH AGREEMENT BEING SIGNED
IN TWO PARTS.

3. DEWIDAR SAID GOE CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS THAT WE REQUIRE
ORAL STATEMENT COMMITTING IT TO NEGOTIATING THOSE CLAIMS
LISTED IN DOCUMENT 5.

4. REQUEST URGENT REPLY FROM DEPARTMENT REGARDING TWO DELETIONS.
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